

In rejecting these claims, the Examiner states that *Dvorkin* discloses a receive front-end module for use in a multi-band, multi-mode communication device. The Examiner admits that *Dvorkin* does not disclose at least two signal paths connected to simultaneously receive communication signals from one of the antenna through one of the two feed points, but points to *Ahonen* for disclosing this feature. In particular, the Examiner points to Figure 1, blocks 1A, 1B, 10A and 10B of *Ahonen*.

It is respectfully submitted that, in the claimed invention, each signal path has a filter for filtering the communication signals in the corresponding frequency band and at least two of the plurality of signal paths are adapted to simultaneously receive communication signals from one of the antenna through one of the two feed points.

In *Ahonen*, each receiver and transmitter unit has an individual transmission or reception frequency (co.3, line 65-67). However, *Ahonen* discloses a time division multiple access (TDMA) radio system wherein each frequency of the TDMA signal has different time slots (col.3, lines 49-51; col.4, lines 4-11). As such, there is no frequency filter in each signal path to filter the communication signals in the corresponding frequency band for simultaneously receiving communication signals from one of the antenna from one of the feed points. *Ahonen* does not disclose the signal paths as claimed.

For the above reasons, *Ahonen* is irrelevant to the claimed invention, and claims 1, 33 and 34 are distinguishable over the cited *Dvorkin* and *Ahonen* references. Dependent claims 2, 3, 6-10, 35 and 36 are dependent from claims 1 and 34 and recite features not recited in claims 1 and 34. Thus, claims 2, 3, 6-10, 35 and 36 also distinguishable over *Dvorkin* and *Ahonen* for the same reasons.

At section 3, claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dvorkin* in view of *Ahonen* and further in view of *Gitlin et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,188,718, hereafter referred to as *Gitlin*). At section 4, claims 4, 5, 11, 12 and 16-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dvorkin* in view of *Ahonen* and *Gitlin* and further in view of *Ella* (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0128081). The Examiner cites *Gitlin* for disclosing more than two antennas and cites *Ella* for disclosing more than two baluns. However, claims 4, 5 and 11-32 are dependent from claim 1, which is distinguishable over *Dvorkin* and